non-motorised transport so that the dependence on personal motor vehicles is reduced.

Conversion of vehicles into CNG/LPG

3257. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the conditions governing the nature, type, make and capacity of private and commercial vehicles registered in Delhi that can be converted into CNG/LPG;

(b) the basis for such conditions and the objectives behind it; and

(c) the formalities required to be completed under Motor Vehicles Act for converting a private vehicle into CNG/LPG?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) An 'in-use' vehicle can be converted into CNG/LPG mode, subject to the condition that the vehicle meets the safety and emission norms prescribed under the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The underlying objective is that the vehicle so converted is safe and environmentally friendly.

(c) After conversion, the registration certificate of the vehicle would need to be endorsed by the concerned registering authority.

Limit of investment in SSI

†3258. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the limit for capital investment in small scale units under small scale sector is Rupees one crore at present;

(b) whether a proposal is being considered to raise the said limit to five crores;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the benefits likely to accrued on making the capital investment limit of Rupees Five crores?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Small and Medium Enterprises Development (SMED) Bill, 2005 which, inter alia, contains a proposal to increase the investment limit of small enterprises engaged in the manufacture or production of goods in plant and machinery from Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 5 crore, has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 12.05.2005. This is with the objective of enabling the small enterprises to undertake upgradation of their plants and machinery and, in turn, enhancing their competitiveness.

Items reserved for SSIs

3259. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are certain items reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector;

(b) if so, the number of such items and details of those which are export oriented;

(c) whether the import of similar items as those reserved for exclusive manufacture in India is allowed; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and in what way the interests of SSI are safeguarded?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) At present, 506 products are reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector. The list of export oriented products out of the items reserved for small scale sector {as per the Third All India Census of SSI units (2001-2002)} is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Except some products like niacinamide, nicotinic acid, cooper oxy-chloride, safety matches and fire works, import of products reserved for exclusive manufacture by small scale industries (SSI) is allowed since the removal of quantitative restrictions (QRs).